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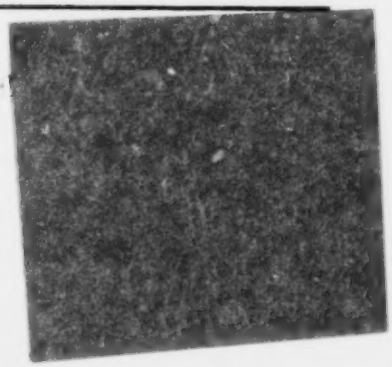

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Addendum

As reflected in document GC.7/1/Rev.1, in its decision IDB.18/Dec.15, the Industrial Development Board at its resumed eighteenth session proposed the inclusion of three additional items—10(e), 25 and 26—in the provisional agenda of the General Conference. The present document provides annotations to these three items, thus completing the information previously provided in document GC.7/1/Add.1.

Item 10 (e). Withdrawal of the United States of America

On the first day of the sixth session of the General Conference, on 4 December 1995, the Government of the United States of America deposited its instrument of denunciation of the UNIDO Constitution with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Before the official withdrawal of the United States from the Organization took effect (31 December 1996), the Secretariat drew the attention of both the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board to some of the legal and financial implications of that withdrawal (see document IDB.16/5 and Corr.1).

At the recommendation of the Committee, the Board took note of the intervention of the delegation of the United States confirming their intention to pay the arrears, appealed to the United States Government to reconsider its decision to terminate the tax reimbursement agreement with UNIDO, and requested the Director-General to continue his discussions with the United States authorities on those matters and to report to the Board at its seventeenth session (IDB.16/Dec.11).

In its decision IDB.17/Dec.3, the Board "expressed its deep concern at the non-payment of arrears of assessed contributions to UNIDO by a former Member State and, in that regard, urged that State to meet immediately its international financial obligations". It also requested the Director-General, in the context of proposed legislation prohibiting this payment, to continue discussions with that former Member State, to explore all possibilities for the collection of the arrears of $61.3 million and to report to the Board at its eighteenth session".

The Director-General submitted to the Board at its eighteenth session a report on discussions with the United States authorities on the matters covered in Board decision IDB.16/Dec.11 (IDB.18/11) as well as a report on options for the collection of unpaid assessed contributions from the United States Government (IDB.18/18), in compliance with Board decision IDB.17/Dec.3.

The Board, in its decision IDB.18/Dec.13 decided to transmit the latter report to the General Conference for further consideration and appropriate action on any of the options set out therein.

The Conference will have before it:

- Options for the collection of unpaid assessed contributions from the United States Government. Report by the Director-General (IDB.18/18)

- Board decision IDB.18/Dec.13 on options for the collection of unpaid assessed

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contributions from the United States Government (GC.7/6/Add.1)

Item 25. Field representation

The Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO adopted by the Board at its seventeenth session (IDB.17/Dec.2, annex), specified the measures to be taken to secure an effective decentralization of activities and strengthened field representation when defining the organizational structure of the Organization. These measures were further elaborated in detail by the ad hoc open-ended working group established by the Programme and Budget Committee at its thirteenth session for the purpose of examining issues related to field representation, including further opportunities for administrative savings. The report of the group formed the basis of the structure and functions of the field offices as proposed by the Director-General in the programme and budgets for the biennium 1998-1999 and adopted by the Industrial Development Board for submission to the General Conference (decision IDB.18/Dec.5).

The Conference will have before it:

- Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO, contained in Board decision IDB.17/Dec.2, annex (GC.7/5)

- Programme and budgets, 1998-1999. Proposed on the basis of Industrial Development Board decision IDB.18/Dec.5 (GC.7/21, introduction (paras. 20-30), and Major Programme E (Regional Programme Management)

Item 26. International Centre for Science and High Technology

At its fourth session the General Conference, in its resolution GC.4/Res.14, took note that an international centre for science and high technology would be established, as described in document GC.4/39, and financed exclusively by additional voluntary contributions to UNIDO. Information on the background, establishment, present situation and future of the Centre is provided in documents IDB.18/16 and Addendums 1 and 2 submitted to the Board at its eighteenth session. The Board, in its decision IDB.18/Dec.16, is submitting its recommendations to the General Conference concerning the future arrangements for the Centre.

The Conference will have before it:

- International Centre for Science and High Technology. Notes by the Director-General and the Secretariat (IDB.18/16 and Add.1 and 2)

- Board decision IDB.18/Dec.16 on the International Centre for Science and High Technology (GC.7/6/Add.1)